Insurance for passengers

†729. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for implementation of an insurance scheme by Government for the passengers of the Railways and their belongings;

(b) if so, the number of dependents of train accident victims who benefited from this scheme during the last two years;

(c) if not, the reason therefor;

(d) the amount of compensation paid to the victims and dependents of the victims of the Samjhauta Express train at Panipat (Haryana) in the year 2007; and

(e) the number of persons which was proposed to be given this compensation alongwith the details of their names and addresses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Railways already have a Passenger Insurance Scheme, wherein insurance cover of Rs. 4 lakhs is provided to rail passengers in case of death and of Rs. 32 thousand to Rs. 4 lakhs (depending on the gravity of injury) in case of injuries resulting from train accident or untoward incident. However, there is no provision of insurance for belongings of the passengers.

(b) During the last two years, *i.e.* 2005-06 and 2006-07 a total of 167 cases of compensation claims have been finalised by Railway Claim Tribunal, where the next of kin of the deceased passengers have been awarded compensation.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Compensation is paid only after a decree is awarded on a claim filed in this regard in Railway Claims Tribunal. So far, only 10 claims have been filed by dependents of victims of the Samjhauta Express fire incident. These cases have been listed for hearing in the Railway Claims Tribunal. The names and addresses of the deceased persons and their compensation claimants respectively are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name and address of the deceased	Name and address of the claimant
1	2	3
1.	SakinaBegum w/o Shri Yusuf Khan H. No. 1338, Gali No. 43 Seelampur, Zafarabad, Delhi	Shri Yusuf Khan H. No. 1338, Gali No. 43 Seelampur, Zafarabad, Delhi
2.	Kashmir Singh, ASI/RPF Mohkamawal Firozshaha, Firozpur	Smt. Manjeet Kaur (wife) Mohkamawal Firozshaha, Firozpur
3.	Rajendra Pal., Constable/RPF, Kadia Gujra PS Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur	Smt. Kamlesh Kaur (wife) Kadia Gujra PS Dera Baba Nanak, Gurdaspur

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1	2	3
4.	Tasleem Khan Mohalla Chudipada Sind Hyderabad (Pakistan)	Shri Mohd. Mohsin (son) 0-154, Mohalla Siddique Akbar Road, Illyasibad, Hyderabad (Pakistan)
5.	Nafisa Begum Mohalla Chudipada Sind Hyderabad (Pakistan)	Shri Mohd. Mohsin (son) G-154, Mohalla Siddique Akbar Road, Illyasibad, Hyderabad (Pakistan)
6.	Mehreen Khan Mohalla Chudipada Sind Hyderabad (Pakistan)	Shri Mohd. Mohsin (son) 0-154, Mohalla Siddique Akbar Road, Illyasibad, Hyderabad (Pakistan)
7.	Rool Amin Mohalla Chudipada Sind Hyderabad (Pakistan)	Shri Mohd. Mohsin (son) G-154, Mohalla Siddique Akbar Road, Illyasibad, Hyderabad (Pakistan)
8.	Mohd. Sajid Mohalla Chudipada Sind Hyderabad (Pakistan)	Shri Mohd. Mohsin (son) G-154, Mohalla Siddique Akbar Road, Illyasibad, Hyderabad (Pakistan)
9.	Lalit Kumar TTE/Delhi S-2/22, Old Mahavir Nagar, Near Tilak Nagar, Delhi	Smt. Anita (wife) S-2/22, Old Mahavir Nagar, Near Tilak Nagar, Delhi
10.	Smt. Bano, H. No. 901 Delhi Gate Aligarh	Shri Neki (Husband) H. No. 901 Delhi Gate, Aligarh. Shri Shamshad (Son) H.No. 1004/8, Makhi Sarai, Subzimandi, Shahdara.

Meeting of MPs regarding rerservation quota in trains for Sikkim

730. SHRI O. T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry convened a meeting of MPs from North East Region held on 8th January, 2007 in Rail Bhavan, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcomes thereof;

(c) whether there is any new quota fixed for enhancement of reservation quota in all trains for the State of Sikkim:

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the reservation quota in all trains for Sikkim is likely to be enhanced?